coupled with the call routing equipment via a public switched telephone network (TELCO), the TELCO providing caller identification, the method comprising the steps of:

initiating, by the base station, a call to the call routing equipment;

receiving, by the call routing equipment, the BID sent from the base station;

receiving, by the call routing equipment, the assigned landline telephone number from the TELCO via caller identification;

determining, by the call routing equipment, if the assigned landline telephone number is equal to the stored base station's landline telephone number; and

updating, by the call routing equipment, the stored base station's landline telephone number with the assigned landline telephone number when the assigned landline telephone number is not equal to the stored base station's landline telephone number.

REMARKS

Claims 14, 15 and 22 are pending in the application. Applicants have amended claims 14 and 22, canceled claim 15, and added new claims 27 and 28.

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are requested.

Claim 15 has been canceled, thus mooting any of the rejections applicable to these claims.

The Examiner cited Emery in rejecting claims 14 and 22. Applicants submit that amended claims 14 and 22 and new claim 27 are patentably distinguishable over Emery.

Independent method claim 14 (and similarly independent apparatus claim 22) defines a method of updating a base station's landline telephone number that is stored in a call routing equipment, in preparation for future call routing, wherein the base station is communicatively coupled with the call routing equipment via a public switched telephone network (TELCO). The method uses a base station identification number (BID) that is sent by the base station to the call routing equipment, and an assigned landline telephone number that is sent by the base station to the TELCO, which in turn sends the assigned landline telephone number to the call routing equipment. Support for

these claims can be found in the specification at page 10, lines 18-29 and page 11, lines 11-33.

Independent method claim 28 (and similarly dependent apparatus claim 27) defines a method of updating a base station's landline telephone number that is stored in a call routing equipment, in preparation for future call routing, wherein the base station is communicatively coupled with the call routing equipment via a public switched telephone network (TELCO) having caller identification. The method uses a base station identification number (BID) that is sent by the base station to the call routing equipment, and an assigned landline telephone number that is received by the call routing equipment from the TELCO via caller identification. Support for these claims can be found in the specification at page 10, lines 7-29.
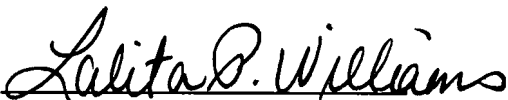
Emery does not disclose a method of updating a base station's landline telephone number that is stored in a call routing equipment including a step of the call routing equipment receiving the assigned landline telephone number from the base station via the TELCO (pending claim 14 and corresponding apparatus claim 22) or a step of the call routing equipment receiving the assigned landline telephone number from the TELCO via caller ID (new claim 27). In Emery, the landline telephone number is received via Automatic Number Identification (ANI) (Emery, col. 17, lns. 4-7).

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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